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REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 2, 10, and 11 to more clearly define the invention and cancelled claims 1, 3-9, and 12-23. No new matter has been added by the way of the present amendment.

Examiner states: "Claims 2, 10-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 2, 10-11.

Specification

Applicants have filed a Certificate of Correction: paragraph [008] Fig. 10 restated as Fig. 1; paragraph [009] Fig. 11 restated as Fig. 2; all instances of Fig. 10 and Fig. 11 to Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 in the specification

Drawing

Applicants' Certificate of Correction further restates the drawings of Fig. 10 and Fig. 11 as Fig. 1 and Fig. 2

Abstract

Applicants' Certificate of Correction further combines the two paragraphs into one. Furthermore "application 09/961417" is deleted.

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Claim 1

Examiner requests the Applicants to show support for the following limitation "there may be a different predetermined set of commands for each interface emulator". Applicants have rewritten Claim 1 [now incorporated into Claim 2] to more accurately define the invention.

The intent of the phrase "there may be a different predetermined set of commands for each interface emulator" was that commands received from different hosts are treated differently. Applicants submit that the Claim as rewritten more accurately defines the invention without adding any new matter.

Support for changes are to be found in the Abstract "Our current invention... by selectively blocking only specified host computers." Further support can be found in the specification, including paragraph [0027] The blocking device blocks certain commands, depending upon which host computer system the command is issued from..."

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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